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CURRENT INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Intelligence Appraisal With Reference to
to the Internal Defense Plan of Thailand

1. The subversive threat to Thailand remains confined largely to the relatively isolated and underdeveloped provinces adjoining Laos and Malaysia. While Communist efforts to accelerate the development of a potential for insurgency in these areas were reported earlier this year, there is no evidence that they have made progress. Economic conditions in Thailand are relatively good, and the people do not yet appear sufficiently disaffected to support Communist subversion.

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2. Thai Government counterinsurgency programs,

[redacted] have contributed in part to the apparent lack of Communist progress. Border police and provincial police elements have been trained, and coordination [redacted]

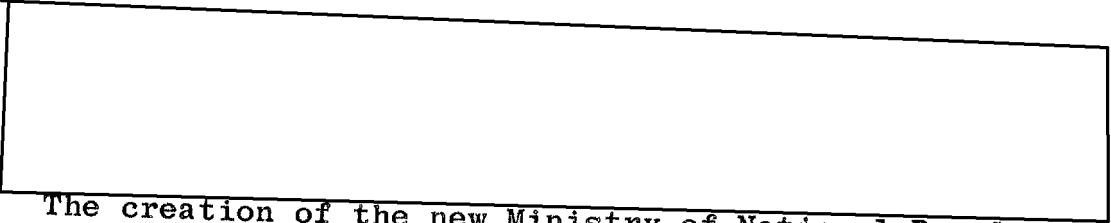
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[redacted] has improved somewhat. Progress in training the Volunteer Defense Corps, however, has been limited by funding and jurisdictional questions. Some local road improvements have been made by Army units, construction of two "security roads" has started, and some 48 "village airstrips" have been completed. Community development projects designed to attract the loyalty of minority groups are in process in the more vulnerable areas. An agreement on "hot pursuit" with the Burmese should enhance border security operations in the northwest. In the south, however, the Thais apparently are unwilling to continue combined operations with Malaysia against terrorists in the border area.

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The creation of the new Ministry of National Development should enhance interagency cooperation, however, and facilitate development of planning for further programs.

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